

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus comprising:
an apparatus main body,
a supporting member arranged with a longitudinal direction thereof directing in a direction intersecting with an up and down direction and with a basal part thereof supported on said apparatus main body, and
a plurality of umbrella retaining locks disposed, side by side, on at least one side part of said supporting member along said longitudinal direction of said supporting member and adapted to retain a part-to-be-retained of the umbrella,
wherein the basal end part of said supporting member is rotatably supported on said apparatus main body about a horizontal axis between a use position where the longitudinal direction of said supporting member is directed in a direction intersecting with the up and down direction and a receipt position where the distal end part is located generally downward of the basal end part and the entire supporting member is disposed generally along said apparatus main body, said apparatus main body is rotatably provided with a cosmetic cover, said cosmetic cover can rotate between an open position and a closed position, said cosmetic cover, when located in the open position, allows said supporting member to rotate between the use position and the receipt position and when located in the closed position, covers said supporting member located in the receiving position and said umbrella retaining lock in co-action with said apparatus main body.
2. (Previously Presented) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said apparatus main body is provided at least at one side part thereof with a reference plane directing in an arrangement direction orthogonal to an up and down direction and a longitudinal direction of said supporting member, and said reference plane is arranged to be separated by a predetermined distance or more in the arrangement direction from said umbrella retaining lock.
3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus comprising:

an apparatus main body,

a plurality of supporting members arranged with a longitudinal direction thereof directing in a direction intersecting with an up and down direction and with basal parts thereof supported on said apparatus main body,

a plurality of umbrella retaining locks disposed, side by side, on at least one side parts of said supporting members along said longitudinal direction of said supporting member and each adapted to retain a part-to-be-retained of the umbrella, said supporting members are mutually spacedly arranged in the horizontal direction, and

a gap between said mutually adjacent two supporting members and an extension part of said gap downward by a predetermined distance are open forward in the longitudinal direction of said supporting members,

wherein said plurality of supporting members are arranged in mutually parallel relation,

wherein said apparatus main body is provided at least at one side part thereof in the separation direction of said plurality of supporting members with a reference plane directing toward the outside in the separation direction, said reference plane is arranged to be separated outward by a predetermined distance or more from said umbrella retaining lock adjacent the inner side in the separation direction with respect to said reference plane.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4[[5]], wherein said apparatus main body includes a plurality of supporting column parts mutually spacedly arranged on a horizontal straight line and vertically erected, and a plurality of second supporting column parts arranged in opposing relation on a straight line parallel to said straight line on which said plurality of supporting column parts are arranged and vertically erected, and the basal end parts and the distal end parts of said supporting members are supported on said mutually opposing supporting column parts and said second supporting column parts, respectively.

8. (Original) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 7, wherein at least an upper part of a gap between said mutually adjacent second supporting column parts is open forward in the longitudinal direction of said supporting members.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently Amended) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4[[5]], wherein said apparatus main body includes two supporting column parts arranged to be separated from each other in the horizontal direction and with their longitudinal direction directing in the up and down direction and a retaining member whose opposite end parts in the longitudinal direction are supported by said two supporting column parts, respectively, said plurality of supporting members are arranged to be separated from each other in the longitudinal direction of said retaining member, and the basal end parts of said supporting members are retained by said retaining member.
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Previously Presented) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said umbrella retaining lock includes a lock main body attached to a side part of said supporting member and formed in a front surface part thereof facing sideward of said supporting member with a receiving recess extending upward and downward and open sideward of said supporting member, and a lock member disposed at said lock main body such that said lock member is displaceable between a releasing position and a locking position, said lock member, when located in the releasing position, allowing a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be brought in and out of said receiving recess through said opening part, and when located in the locking position, prohibiting the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella from escaping from said receiving recess through said opening part, and a deepest part of said receiving recess is offset toward the longitudinal direction of said supporting member with respect to a central part of said opening part of said receiving recess.
13. (Previously Presented) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said umbrella retaining lock includes a lock main body attached to a side part of said supporting member and formed in a front surface part thereof facing sideward of said supporting member with a receiving recess extending upward and downward and open sideward of said

supporting member, and a lock member disposed at said lock main body such that said lock member is displaceable between a releasing position and a locking position, said lock member, when located in the releasing position, allowing a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be brought in and out of said receiving recess through said opening part, and when located in the locking position, prohibiting the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella from escaping from said receiving recess through said opening part, and a depth direction of said receiving recess is inclined with respect to the longitudinal direction of said supporting member so that the depth of said receiving recess becomes deeper from one end side in the longitudinal direction of said supporting member toward the other end.

14. -19. (Cancelled).

20. (Previously Presented) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said umbrella retaining lock includes a lock main body attached to a side part of said supporting member and formed in a front surface part thereof facing sideward of said supporting member with a receiving recess extending upward and downward and open sideward of said supporting member, and a lock member disposed at said lock main body such that said lock member is displaceable between a releasing position and a locking position, said lock member, when located in the releasing position, allowing a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be brought in and out of said receiving recess through said opening part, and when located in the locking position, prohibiting the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella from escaping from said receiving recess through said opening part, and a deepest part of said receiving recess is offset toward the longitudinal direction of said supporting member with respect to a central part of said opening part of said receiving recess.

21. (Previously Presented) An umbrella storage apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said umbrella retaining lock includes a lock main body attached to a side part of said supporting member and formed in a front surface part thereof facing sideward of said supporting member with a receiving recess extending upward and downward and open sideward of said supporting member, and a lock member disposed at said lock main body such that said lock member is displaceable between a releasing position and a locking position, said lock member, when located in the releasing position, allowing a part-to-be-retained of an umbrella to be brought in and out of said receiving recess through said opening part, and

when located in the locking position, prohibiting the part-to-be-retained of the umbrella from escaping from said receiving recess through said opening part, and a depth direction of said receiving recess is inclined with respect to the longitudinal direction of said supporting member so that the depth of said receiving recess becomes deeper from one end side in the longitudinal direction of said supporting member toward the other end.

22. -24. (Cancelled)